

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (previously added). A tobacco substitute composition comprising 80-90 weight percent of *Eucommia ulmoides*, 1-10 weight percent of *Glycyrrhiza glabra*, and 1-10 weight percent of *Perilla frutescens*.

Claim 5 (currently amended). The composition of claim 1 4, further comprising glycerol.

Claim 6 (currently amended). The composition of claim 1 4, further comprising peppermint oil.

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (new). A nicotine-free tobacco substitute composition comprising
80-90 weight percent of *Eucommia ulmoides*;
1-10 weight percent *Glycyrrhiza glabra*; and
1-10 weight percent of *Perilla frutescens*.

Claim 9 (new). The composition of claim 8, comprising
87 weight percent *Eucommia ulmoides*;
5 weight percent *Glycyrrhiza glabra*; and
5 weight percent *Perilla frutescens*.

Claim 10 (new). The composition of claim 8, further comprising a flavorant.

Claim 11 (new). The composition of claim 10, wherein the flavorant is glycerol.

Claim 12 (new). The composition of claim 10, wherein the flavorant is peppermint oil.

Claim 13 (new). A nicotine-free tobacco substitute composition consisting essentially of
80-90 weight percent of *Eucommia ulmoides*;
1-10 weight percent *Glycyrrhiza glabra*; and
1-10 weight percent of *Perilla frutescens*.

Claim 14 (new). The composition of claim 13, further comprising a flavorant.

Claim 15 (new). The composition of claim 14, wherein the flavorant is glycerol.

Claim 16 (new). The composition of claim 14, wherein the flavorant is peppermint oil.

Claim 17 (new). A nicotine-free tobacco substitute composition consisting essentially of
Eucommia ulmoides in an amount effective to provide the composition
with the taste of tobacco;
Glycyrrhiza glabra in an amount effective to facilitate the discharge of
sputum and to smooth airways; and

Perilla frutescens in an amount effective to facilitate the suppression of coughing.

Claim 18 (new). The composition of claim 17, wherein the composition comprises
80-90 weight percent of *Eucommia ulmoides*;
1-10 weight percent *Glycyrrhiza glabra*; and
1-10 weight percent of *Perilla frutescens*.

Claim 19 (new). The composition of claim 18, comprising
87 weight percent *Eucommia ulmoides*;
5 weight percent *Glycyrrhiza glabra*; and
5 weight percent *Perilla frutescens*.

Claim 20 (new). The composition of claim 17, further comprising a flavorant.

Claim 21 (new). The composition of claim 20, wherein the flavorant is glycerol.

Claim 22 (new). The composition of claim 20, wherein the flavorant is peppermint oil.
